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AS YOU ARE AWARE, STATE SECRETARY SCHAEFER AND TWO DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS (TER BEEK AND KOMBRINK) WILL BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF JAN 7. ALL THREE ARE MOST DESIROUS OF MEETING MEMBERS OF EITHER HOUSE OR THE SENATE. I APPRECIATE HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS FOR VISITING PARLIAMENTARIANS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR DOING WHATEVER YOU CAN TO SEE THAT THESE THREE VISITORS HAVE AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE AN EXPOSURE TO CONGRESS AS POSSIBLE. SINCE ALL ARE YOUNG MEN, I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO CONTACT NEW OR AT LEAST YOUNG MEMBERS IN CONGRESS WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THEIR DUTCH COUNTERPARTS. CONGRESSMAN FRELINGHUYSEN OF NEW JERSEY, WHO IS QUITE SENIOR, ALWAYS SEEMED TO FIND SOME TIME FOR DUTCH VISITORS. SINCE SCHAEFER'S AND KOMBRINK'S PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS HOUSING, YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONTACT CONGRESSMAN MCDADE OF PENNSYLVANIA, WHO VISITED EARLIER THIS YEAR PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS DUTCH HOUSING AND BUILDINGTECHNIQUES. OTHER RECENT VISITORS TO THE NETHERLANDS HAVE BEEN CONGRESSMEN RYAN OF CALIF, STEELE OF CONN., CEDERBERG OF MICHIGAN, FUQUA OF FLORIDA, DIGGS OF MICHIGAN AND CONGRESSWOMAN ABZUG OF CONFIDENTIAL

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